

RESOLUTION NO 152-19  
COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR THE TOWN OF BIG FLATS, NY APPROVED

Resolution by: Adams  
Seconded by: Saglibene

WHEREAS, the Town of Big Flats Town Board desires to adopt a Complete Streets Policy,

WHEREAS, the applicable definitions are as follows:

- “Complete Streets” are streets that are part of a connected travel network and are safe, convenient and comfortable for all ages and abilities using various modes of transportation (including, but not limited to, vehicles, public transportation, walking, and bicycling).
- “Complete Streets Program” is a system of implementing Complete Streets.
- “Multi-modal transportation” refers to various modes of transportation (walking, bicycling, automobile, transit, etc.); and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Big Flats recognizes that the purpose of a Complete Streets Policy is to enhance the efficiency, safety and access of all travelers, thus increasing the capacity of a road network, and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are those defined as safe and comfortable roadways for users including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders, motorists of all ages and abilities, and others; and,

WHEREAS, Complete Streets concepts, design features and practices include, but are not limited to: sidewalks, shared use paths, bicycle lanes, bicycle routes, paved shoulders, street trees, landscaping, planting strips, lighting, accessible curb ramps, crosswalks, refuge islands, pedestrian signals, wayfinding signage, benches, bicycle parking facilities, bus pull-outs, bus stop shelters, sidewalk snow removal, bicycle lane maintenance, and traffic calming measures such as curb bump-outs, center islands, and pavement markings; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets has been recognized and adopted as law in New York State; and Complete Streets policies and laws have been adopted at the state, county, town, village and city levels across the country for the purpose of improving multi-modal transportation options, safety, and accessibility for all users; and

WHEREAS, the Big Flats Town Board recognizes that Complete Streets will increase opportunities for safe transportation, reduce traffic congestion, increase the capacity and efficiency of the road network, incorporate traffic calming actions, limit greenhouse gas emissions, improve social interactions, promote healthy lifestyles, improve safety, create a stronger sense of community, strengthen the local economy, and improve the quality of life for people in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and the Department of Public Works will work with organizations including the New York State Department of Transportation, the Elmira-Chemung Transportation Council, the Chemung County Planning Department, the Chemung County Soil and Water Conservation District, Southern Tier Economic Growth, and neighboring communities and

counties, businesses and school districts, to explore the development, maintenance and expansion of the pedestrian, bicycle and trail network within neighborhoods, in the Town of Big Flats, and its surrounding municipalities and put into practice a Complete Streets Program to address issues of these amenities, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Big Flats is adopting this Complete Streets Policy in order to ensure safe travel of its transportation system by all users, including drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and people of all ages and abilities—children, families, seniors, able-bodied individuals and individuals with disabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Big Flats recognizes the importance of advancing the goals and objectives of Complete Streets as promoted by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), the United States Department of Transportation and (US DOT) and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Big Flats Town Board hereby adopts the following Complete Streets Policy as an official policy of the Town of Big Flats

1. The Town of Big Flats Public Works Department shall incorporate Complete Streets concepts, design features and practices, to the extent appropriate, feasible, and practicable in the planning, design, operation and maintenance, funding and implementation of local highway, street and sidewalk improvement projects undertaken by the Town of Big Flats.
2. Context Sensitivity. The addition of Complete Streets facilities shall be consistent with the scope of the construction or improvement project, sensitive to the surrounding area, and shall not be disproportionate with the cost of the larger project.
3. Guidance. The Town shall plan, design, develop, and maintain Complete Streets facilities in accordance with bicycle and pedestrian facility guidelines adopted by the Federal Highway Administration, the New York State Department of Transportation, the National Association of Town Transportation Officials and others, as applicable. The Town and its partners will train staff on implementation, maintenance and operations of Complete Streets features.
4. Exemptions. Exemptions to the Complete Streets Policy shall be presented to the Department of Public Works in writing and documented with supporting data that indicates the reason for the decision and may include the following:
  - a. Non-motorized users are prohibited on the roadway;
  - b. Scarcity of population, travel and attractors, both existing and future, indicate an absence of need for such accommodations;
  - c. Detrimental environmental or social impacts outweigh the need for these accommodations;
  - d. Cost of accommodations is excessively disproportionate to cost of project;
  - e. Complete Streets features would compromise the safety or timing of a project.
  - f. The Town of Big Flats Public Works Department must present supporting data for an exemption other than those listed above for review approval.

5. Determinations. If, during the review process, the Town of Big Flats Department of Public Works determines that a roadway cannot accommodate Complete Streets features within the Town of Big Flats right-of-way proposed for construction or improvement, the Department of Public Works shall provide said determination in writing, with supporting documentation, to the Town Supervisor for informational purposes.
6. Revisions to Plans and Policies. The Town of Big Flats will incorporate Complete Street principles into its Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance, Design Guidelines, and other plans, manuals, rules, regulations and programs.
7. Performance Measures. The Town of Big Flats shall measure the success of this Complete Streets policy using the following performance measures as examples, and track the results annually:
  - a. Linear feet of new or reconstructed sidewalks;
  - b. Linear miles of new or restriped on-street bicycle facilities
  - c. Number of new or reconstructed curb ramps;
  - d. Number of traffic calming projects approved and implemented;
  - e. Number of crosswalk and intersection improvements.
8. Funding. The Town of Big Flats and its partners shall actively seek sources of appropriate funding for Complete Streets facilities to implement this policy, including federal transportation funds, state grants, Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funds, and local funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CARRIED: AYES: Hunter, Adams, Saglibene, Giammichele

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Fairbrother